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Toronto, Jan. 21st, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
City.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,-

I enclose a letter received from Chief Justice Harvey of Alberta in reply to my telegram, with a copy of my reply, for your information.

Yours very truly.

Augustus MacMurchy

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Edmonton, January 14, 1919.

Angus MacMurchy, Esq., K.C.,
C.P.R. Solicitor,
Toronto.

My dear Mr. MacMurchy,

About the 15th of last month I received a telegram intimating that the Alumni Association was holding a dinner when there would be a discussion of the University's method of memorializing the work done by its graduates and undergraduates in the war. The telegram was slightly confused in its words and was signed "J. McMurphy," The message was only telephoned to me and I only obtained the telegram a few days ago when I called for it. By reason of the fact that I have seen your name prominently connected with the movement and that the telegram was sent on a pass I strongly suspect that it came from you, although at the time I found myself quite unable to identify the sender. Not knowing from whom it came I did not reply to it, and if it was from you the facts I have related will explain my seeming discourtesy.

I have to-day received a letter from the Association stating that I have been put on the General Memorial Committee and that a meeting will be held to-morrow night. Naturally I am not able to attend nor am I able to send a letter expressing my views to be of any use for the meeting.

I am entirely in sympathy with the movement, but have

no definite idea at present as to the best manner in which the scheme can be worked out. Undoubtedly this is the time when there will be the greatest feeling of enthusiasm for such a scheme, but at the same time I fear that it will likewise be a time when many will find themselves seriously handicapped in a financial way and unable to contribute as they would like. Perhaps I am wrong in this, as my experience is chiefly limited to persons in receipt of a salary and perhaps under an employer which has not shown itself as generous as some. I daresay on the whole most of the Alumni are financially as able to pay now as they have ever been, although some, including the judges, are undoubtedly far from being as well situated financially as they were before the war.

I trust that whatever is decided upon may be carried out successfully, and I shall be very glad to do anything I can to assist to that end.

Yours sincerely,

Horace Harvey

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Jan 21st, 1919.

Honourable Chief Justice Horace Harvey,
Supreme Court of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alta.

My dear Chief Justice,-

I am sorry that the telegram sent you on 15th December was mangled. The fact is I telephoned a message in similar terms to Sir. Frederick Haultain and Sir J.A.M. Aikins just before a meeting at which a University Memorial was discussed at a dinner of over 200 graduates, and we wished to have some messages from prominent graduates in the West which could be read at the meeting. Sir James Aikins penetrated the disguise and sent us a nice message. I did not hear directly from Sir Frederick Haultain but I think he telegraphed to the President.

A notice has appeared in 25 Canadian newspapers similar to the enclosed. A Finance Committee, a Scholarship Committee and a Physical Memorial Committee have been appointed and are meeting this week. The indications are that a physical memorial in the shape of a tower with a carillon of bells may be erected on some suitable spot in the vicinity of the University Main Building, to cost about $125,000 if the money can be raised.

It is also hoped to found a number of scholarships for the children of members of the University who have fallen, in the first generation, these to be raised locally in Ontario and the West and awarded by Committees in the localities where the money is raised, among their residents. This is merely a rough outline of what is being discussed. I expect there will be a meeting of the General Committee who will pass on their suggestions to another general meeting to be held some time later. We are looking forward to a large re-union about 6th June, when Hart House is expected to be opened about the time of Convocation.

Sir Robert Falconer intends going west about the end of April and spend some weeks travelling in the west when he expects to bring the matter, especially the scholarships, before the graduates at the different centres. No doubt you will hear from him when he is in Edmonton or Calgary, when I am sure he would be glad to have your assistance.

I quite appreciate the financial point of view as you put it and sympathize therewith. From conversations I have had with Sir Robert Falconer and others, I think the subscriptions will be spread over two or three years and that we will have to make up the amount by carrying on with monthly or quarterly payments in the same way as many of us have been doing during the war. The present juncture is considered a great opportunity of honouring ourselves in honouring over 5,500 graduates and undergraduates who did so nobly in the war, and particularly more than 500 who have laid down their lives for freedom and humanity. In case you have not seen it, I am sending you a copy of the University Monthly

which contains an article by the President on the subject, and other material.

Yours very truly.

A. Mackinney

January 22nd, 1919

Angus MacMurchy, Esq.,

C.P.R. Building,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. MacMurchy:

Many thanks for your letter together with the enclosure from Chief Justice Harvey. I am glad to know that he will act on the large committee. You have put the case very clearly before him. Last night we had a very good meeting of the Physical Memorial Committee to which Dr. J.N. MacCallum has been made chairman, the duties of which he fulfils admirably.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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1308 Canadian Pacific Building
Toronto

March 1st, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
City.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,-

Re No. 4. Canadian General Hospital - University of Toronto.

I enclose herewith Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19th inst. in duplicate, for signature.

I also enclose letter to the Bank of Commerce containing authority for Col. Hendry and Drs. Graham and Lowrey to sign cheques on behalf of the London account, which should be signed by you as Chairman and sent to the Manager of the Branch of the Bank of Commerce at the corner of Yonge & College Sts. for transmission to London.

Yours very truly.

Reginald MacMurchy

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P.S. Please let me know when you have communicated with the Bank as they do not seem to have a record of the previous arrangement.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of No. 4 Canadian General Hospital, was held in the President's Office on Wednesday, February 19th, 1919 at 9.15 a.m.

President, Sir Robert Falconer, in the Chair

Dr. C. K. Clarke,

Mr. R. U. McPherson,

Mr. Angus MacMurchy, the latter acting as Secretary.

It was decided that authority be given to Major, Dr. W. J. Lowrey to sign cheques in England in place of Capt. Goldie, who has returned to Canada.

The Chairman reported that the Treasurer had received from the British Government the sum of $25,483.30 through the Canadian Military authorities at Ottawa for apparatus and supplies purchased from the University Base Hospital at Salonika, and a discussion took place as to what disposition should be made of this money.

It was decided that Sir Robert Falconer should consult Col. Hendry, O. C. the Hospital as to the disposition of the funds and also communicate with Mr. A. J. Ward, at Brockville and that some method should be devised of notifying the subscribers, by public notice or otherwise, of the proposal that the money be devoted to providing scholarships in the Faculty of Medicine in connection with the proposed University War Memorial.

The meeting then adjourned.

Robert Falconer
Chairman

Angus MacMurchy
Secretary.

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March 8th, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
City.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,-

I enclose herewith in duplicate copies of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Finance Committee of the University Base Hospital, on 5th instant, also extra copy of the Resolution, which you wished to forward to the Board of Governors regarding the funds of the Hospital at present in the hands of the Borsar.

Yours very truly.

A. Macmurchy

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March 19th, 1919.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
President, University of Toronto.
City.

Dear Dr. Falconer,-

Re University Base Hospital.

I have redrawn the Minutes of the meeting on 5th inst. which I enclose for your approval, and have incorporated the suggestion made by the Governors as mentioned in Mr. Moore's letter attached.

I also enclose a copy of the resolution, and if you approve the minutes kindly sign and return them to me with the resolution, of which I will forward a copy to the Bursar.

Yours very truly.

Angus MacMurchy.

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P.S. Very Sorry to see the Ladies did not act at all on any suggestion —

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March 25th, 1919.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
President, University of Toronto.
City.

Dear Dr. Falconer,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20th inst. with enclosures.

I have forwarded a copy of the resolution to Mr. Moore, and return a copy of the minutes of the meeting on 5th inst., which I have signed, for your file.

I have had my file checked over and the Finance Committee appear to have held eleven meetings as per enclosed list. I have indicated by an "x" the meetings for which I have copies of the minutes. Will you please let me know if there have been any other meetings, and let me have copies of the minutes for the meetings unmarked, in order that my file may be complete.

Yours very truly.

R. A. MacMurchy

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A meeting of the Finance Committee of No. 4. Canadian General Hospital, was held at Sir Robert Falconer's residence 69 St. George Street, Toronto, on Wednesday 5th March, 1919, at 2.15 p.m.

Present: Sir Robert Falconer, in the Chair
Dr. C. K. Clarke,
Mr. Angus MacMurchy, who acted as Secretary.

The Chairman reported that the Ladies' Hospital Supply Association, who were closing operations, had asked for suggestions from the Committee as to the disposition of some $4000 surplus in their hands.

After discussion it was agreed that the ladies might be asked to consider making a contribution to the fund to be raised to provide scholarships in the Faculty of Medicine in connection with the University War Memorial.

It was moved by Dr. C. K. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Angus MacMurchy, and carried:

That it be suggested to the Board of Governors that the funds now in the hands of the Bursar, received from the Imperial authorities, some $24,000, be invested as a separate fund, bearing interest at five per cent. pending decision as to the disposition to be made of the fund.

The meeting then adjourned.

Robt Falconer
Chairman.

A. MacMurchy
Secretary.

Memo of meetings of the Finance Committee of No. 4 Canadian General Hospital.

	April 9th, 1915.
X	May 26th, 1915
X	November 20th, 1915
	March 1st, 1916
	October 21st, 1916.
	November 25th, 1916.
X	May 19th, 1917
X	November 2nd, 1917
X	March 26th, 1918.
X	February 19th, 1919.
X	March 5th, 1919.

Mr. MacMurchy has copies of the minutes marked thus X.

April 19th, 1919

Eugene Heatherby, Esq.,

1502 C.P.R. Building,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Heatherby:

Many thanks for your quotation from the Personal Column of the London "Times" with regard to the Tom Ray Memorial Fund. I will bring this up at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 2nd, 1919

Angus MacMurchy, Esq.,

C. P. R. Building,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. MacMurchy:

I have to-day received from Mrs. Henderson the resolution from the University Hospital Supply Association which runs as follows:

"That the balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the University Hospital Supply Association be equally divided between the fund for blinded soldiers and furnishings etc. for officers quarters in the Orthopaedic Hospital, Christie Street."

I presume that we should have a committee some time next week to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 16th, 1919

Angus Mackenzie, Esq.,

C.P.R. Building,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

At the meeting of the Board of Governors held on Thursday, May 8th, the following resolution was passed in regard to the funds of the Hospital Supply Association:

"It appearing from explanations given by Dr. G. Bruce Macdonald that the money referred to is a balance remaining from collections made by the ladies themselves, the Board consent to the Treasurer of the University Hospital Supply Association disposing of the funds in her hands in the manner approved by the resolution of the Association".

Yours sincerely,

President.